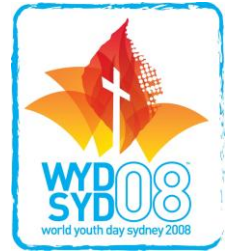




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UNITED STATES CONSULATE ASSISTANCE DURING WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008

The U.S. Consulate General in Sydney warmly welcomes American citizen visitors to Australia during the World Youth Day events from July 15-20, 2008. The Consulate is also committed to facilitating the travel of the many international visitors who may wish to continue onwards to the United States following their visit to Australia, whether for tourism, business, or transit en route to another destination.

As announced on our website at <http://sydney.usconsulate.gov/sydney/index.html>, the Consular Section in Sydney will reduce routine visa, immigration, passport, and notarial services from July 15-20, 2008, in support of World Youth Day. In the event of the arrest, death, or serious illness of an American citizen, an emergency duty officer will be on call.

We encourage all American citizens to register with the Consulate at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>. Travel registration is fast, easy, and may save your life! Registering your trip with us helps us assist you in case of an emergency, and allows us to provide you with information pertaining to safety and security overseas. We also urge all American citizens seeking consular services, including new passports, replacement passports, consular reports of birth, and notariats, to visit the Consulate now to complete these services.

Information on American Citizen Services in Australia, including making an appointment at the Consulate, is available at <http://sydney.usconsulate.gov/consular/acs.html>

In addition, we strongly encourage those requiring a visa for travel to the United States to apply as early as possible. We have increased the number of visa interview appointments available before and immediately following World Youth Day.

Information on visa services in Australia, including making an appointment, is available at <http://sydney.usconsulate.gov/consular/visas.html>

If you are transiting the U.S. en route to another foreign destination, even if you only intend to be present in the U.S. for a few hours and do not plan to leave the airport, you either need a valid visa or must be eligible for visa-free travel under the Visa Waiver Program.

Any World Youth Day visitors who lose a passport with a valid U.S. visa in it while attending World Youth Day should visit their nearest national Embassy or Consulate to obtain a replacement passport. Once a replacement passport has been obtained, those needing to travel urgently to the United States may request an emergency appointment by following the steps outlined at <http://sydney.usconsulate.gov/consular/visas.html>

Applicants who have previously scheduled an emergency appointment and failed to appear, as well as applicants previously refused under Sections 214(b) or 212(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, are not eligible for expedited appointments.

Many citizens are eligible to visit the United States under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). Eligible countries are Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

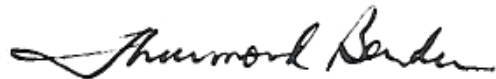
Complete VWP requirements can be found at: <http://sydney.usconsulate.gov/consular/visawaiver.html>

Information on immigrant visa processing, <http://sydney.usconsulate.gov/consular/immigrant.html>

Further information is available at: <http://usembassy-australia.state.gov/consular/visas.html>

Or by calling 1800-687-844 (charges apply: <http://canberra.usembassy.gov/consular/visas/phone.html>)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thurmond Borden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thurmond" being more prominent than the last name "Borden".

Thurmond Borden
Country Consular Coordinator
U.S. Consulate General, Sydney